



LARC



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President's Message

Greetings all! Hope you are all surviving the extremely hot and dry weather we have been experiencing during these summer months. Makes you appreciate your air conditioner. Speaking of ac, I had to totally replace my central air and heat with a new unit, the old one held out for 30 years. I knew it was on it's last legs. The new one sure feels good. Enough said!

Now let's talk about our hobby....at this time we are still looking for chairpersons to head up some of the possible events in our area.

- CajunMan Triathlon - September 11, 2011
- Cajun Cup 10K Run - November 12, 2011
- Cajun Country 1/2 Marathon - TBA usually in December
- Tour du Teche - October 7, 8, 9, 2011 - Larry KE5KJD, Sandy KE5KJF and Nick K5QXJ will head up this event.

The September General Meeting which will be on the 1st will discuss these events along with getting a volunteer to head up the 2012 AARA Hamfest next March. The reason for a early decision is that we need to file with the ARRL in order to get the Louisiana State Convention privilege.

The W5EXI 147.040 repeater is still down as the KRVS tower site (where the 704 repeater is located) is in the process of getting a new building. John W4JHC talked to KRVS Chief Engineer Karl Fontenot on August 18th and Karl reported the old building will be torn down and the new building will be up in about 2 weeks with a cable tray from the new building to the tower and a better grounding system installed and eventually internet will be available for our EchoLink.

One other event that I attended was the 3rd Quarter Meeting of the QCWA (Quarter Century Wireless Association - you have to have been licensed more than 25 years or more to be a member of the QCWA) Chapter 109 of Baton Rouge at Portobello's Restaurant in Baton Rouge. Mel WD5CAE and Esther N5YOP had asked me to ride with them to the meeting which was the first meeting I had attended in a number of years. Others from the Lafayette area were Keith WA5ISZ who became one of our newest members. A program by David Assaf III W5XU on the history of Midway Island in the Pacific, it's importance during WW1 & WWII and some of the DXpeditions held in the past. Access to Midway Island is pretty much restricted which makes it rather a rare contact.

A very enjoyable day just being with some of our older ham radio friends.

Herman KN5GRK
AARA President

In Memory

Funeral services were held on August 18th for Mitchell Sue Romero 18 who died on Sunday August 14th from injuries caused by a DWI driver.



Mitchell was the Daughter of AARA Club members Nick KE5MWX and Paula KF5CNS Romero of Crowley, LA.

Please remember Nick, Paula and Family in your prayers.

It is always sad to see someone so young and promising to be taken away. God Bless!



Shown are John Nastasi Jr., John Nastasi Sr. N5CBB, Buddy Brown Jr. N5BUD, Keith Hendrick WA5ISZ and David Assaf III W5XU in the background, Mel Simon WD5CAE and Esther

DATES TO**REGULAR MEETING**

Thursday September 1st @ 7:00 PM
Red Cross Building - 101 N. Pat
St. Scott, LA

HAMFEST SCHEDULE

Central Arkansas Radio Emergency
Net, Little Rock
September 17, 8am-3:00pm

Local 2-Meter Nets**Sunday**

Opelousas Area ARA Net 7:00
PM
146.820 Lafayette, LA

Monday

AARA Net 7:00 PM
146.820 Lafayette, LA

Tuesday

Acadiana ARES Net 7:00 PM
145.370 - 600 PL 103.5

Friday

HEAL Net 1st & 3rd Fridays Only
1:00 PM
146.820 Lafayette, LA

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**SEPTEMBER 2011
TECHNICIAN CONTEST**

At the August General Meeting "Technicians Only Contest" was mentioned for Technicians in this area. Logs were available at the meeting or can be downloaded in Adobe Reader .PDF format at:

<http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/news.html>

The contest will run from September 1 through September 30.

Make contact with any class license operators on 2 meter & 440 repeaters, Simplex, IRLP, or EchoLink.

Log stations with calls with the last letter of the alphabet (A-Z). First person making all 26 letters and submitting log to me will receive a nice certificate and maybe a nice prize donated by the club.

Use the "Honor System", no QSL cards needed to be exchanged. Use last letter in suffix of call. Log Call, Name, Date, Time and Mode.

Submit log to Herman KN5GRK
AARA Club President.
kn5grk@lusfiber.net.

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

9/03 MONTE	KE5TEY
9/13 FRED	W5MLE
9/16 DALTON	N5HVV
9/19 MEL	WD5CAE
9/20 DANNY	K5ARH
9/24 IRMA	KE5UPK
10/01 CHERYL	KE5IBM
10/04 GREG	K5LFT

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership applications, this is why some may not be on the list.

In Memory

Funeral services were held on August 9th for G.J. "Sam" Simon who passed away on Friday August 5th.

Sam was 95, retired from Cangelosi Developments, a native of Lafayette, and a US Navy Veteran of WWII. Sam was the father of Mel Simon WD5CAE.

The AARA family would like to express our sincere condolences to Mel and his family.

**September 2011 Special Events & Contests**

Sept 3 thru 5 **K7RDG** - Cochise Amateur Radio Assoc. Ghost town of Paradise, AZ. 21.315, 18.115, 14.315, 7.230

Sept 10 **NI6IW** - USS Midway First Nuclear Powered Aircraft Carrier USS Enterprise launched. USAF Birthday. 14.320, 7.250, PSK31 14.070

Sept 10 thru 11 **ARRL September VHF QSO Party**

Sept 10 thru 18 **K4MIA** - Loxahatchee, FL PBSE Radio Society. National POW/MIA Recognition Day. 21.300, 18.150, 14.265, PSK 14.070, 7.185

Sept 24 & 25 **N4WIS** - Virginia Beach, VA USS Wisconsin Radio Club. Final Decommissioning of the USS Wisconsin. 14.264

You can find more listings of Contests and Special Event Stations in the September 2011 issue of QST on page 93.

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August 2011 AARA MEETING MINUTES (edited)

MEETING:

The meeting was opened by the club President Herman KN5GRK.

The opening prayer was by the Herman KN5GRK.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

There were 18 members in attendance and 3 visitor.

Minutes: The July Minutes were not read, due to being posted in the August LARC Newsletter. On motion by Fred Marshall W5MLE, seconded by Larry Leblanc KE5KJD, the minutes were approved as posted in the August issue of the LARC.

Financial Report: The financial report was read by Joy Breau N5YCS. On motion by Galen Wilson KF5BET and seconded by Nick Romero KE5MWX, the financial report was approved as read. The financial report is private to members only. Any member needing a copy can contact Joy at: n5ycs@w5ddl.org

Old Business: Herman, KN5GRK, mentioned that the local Technician Contest is coming up beginning September 1st. You will try to contact people with the last letter of their call sign matching the letters of the alphabet. You can use 2 meters or 440 repeaters, simplex, Echo-Link, etc. Herman will bring logs for the participants next month.

There are several events coming up this year in which we can participate:

Cajun-Man Triathlon on 9/11. It will be made up of swimming, running, and biking. It will be held near the airport. We need a chairman.

Cajun Cup Run in November. We need a chairman.

Tour de Teche on October 7th - 9th. It will be a Canoe race along the Bayou Teche. Chairmen are Nick Pugh, Larry LeBlanc and Sandy LeBlanc

Half Marathon Cajun Cup in December. We need a chairman.

Veterans Day at the Military Museum in Abbeville. Chairman needed. Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP, will call to get more information.

Hamfest 2012.

We need a chairman. There are some forms that need to be filled out soon to allow us to have a special event station. It will be 200 years as a state for Louisiana and 100 years for the Louisiana flag. Hopefully we can get **K5LSA** (Louisiana Special Anniversary).

New Business:

Jess Gillion passed his General exam and is a new member. Brad Frizell passed the Technician exam and Ricky Fruge passed the Technicians exam. Congratulations to all.

The equipment at the W5EXI 147.04 repeater site is being moved to a new building. There was some discussion on whether to splice the antenna cable or to run a new line. No definite decision was made.

There will be a 10-10 QSO 48 hour contest on 10 meters coming up. It is a good way to get your own 10-10 number.

On Motion by Danny Griffith K5ARH, and seconded by Fred Marshall W5MLE, the meeting was adjourned.

Bring door prizes.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy LeBlanc
KE5KJF

LABOR DAY

Monday, September 5

NW2C 911

Special Event Station

On September 11th, 2001 our nation's collective heart stopped as three terrorist piloted planes took thousands of innocent lives and attempted to destroy the American Spirit. The terrorists efforts, like those who have wished us ill throughout our nation's history, were futile. Heroes immediately came forward to revive that American Spirit, combat this evil, and ensure that we will never forget.

On September 11th, 2011, ten years after these atrocities, the Northeast Wireless Radio Club will honor all those who have died, and those who continue to fight the war on terror. We will broadcast a Special Event Station, NW2C from historic Fort Totten, located in Bayside New York, only a few miles from Ground Zero. Fort Totten was one of many places used in the recovery and healing during 9/11.

Perhaps, in this small way, we here at the Northeast Wireless Radio Club will contribute to our nations promise to NEVER FORGET.

We will be on the air Sunday, September 11th from 12 noon till about 6 pm EDT (NYC) - 1700z - 2300z. We will be operating in the General Bands. Please check the clusters for frequency updates. We will have operators on Phone, Digital and CW.

We respectfully ask that due to the secure nature of the Fort, the limited on air availability, as well as our limited permit for the area, that only invited guests attempt to attend the event.

For those that contact us and wish to receive a Certificate of Confirmation, three distinct types will be available:

A certificate will be issued for Phone Contacts with the words -WE WILL NEVER FORGET in Black Ink.

Make contacts in any two different modes, the words -WE WILL NEVER FORGET will be in Silver.

Complete a contact in all three modes and -WE WILL NEVER FORGET will be in Gold.

We please ask that you send \$2.00 to help defer some of the costs to: Northeast Wireless Radio Club, 213-37 39th Avenue, Suite 175 Bayside, NY 11361

For further information contact: Phil N2ZEG (718)877-0066 or Angelo K2FY (917)864-4628

God Bless the fallen, God Bless those who serve and protect us from domestic and foreign enemies, GOD Bless us all and:

GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



Special Event Station K5B – Plano Balloon Festival

September 16, 2011 – September 18, 2011 – Celebrating the 31st annual Plano Balloon Festival, members of the Plano Amateur Radio Klub (PARK) and area amateur radio operators will be QRV as K5B during the festival. Frequencies plus or minus QRM: 7.255, 14.255, 21.355 and on the club repeater, WD5ERD on 147.180 + PL 107.2 and via Echolink at K5PRK. QSL with SASE to K5PRK.

More information formation will be available on our website at www.k5prk.net/k5b.



WEATHER EVENT

On the evening of August 18th around 2030, a severe thunderstorm moved across the Acadiana area. The SkyWarn Net was initiated by Ed Roy WA5TNK at this time. Some of the area amateur radio operators came up on the net and were giving observations from their QTH and reports went to the National Weather Service in Lake Charles.

Winds of 40 to 50 mph, marble sized hail, dazzling lightning and heavy rains pounded the area. Some areas lost commercial power while others experienced intermittent brown-outs. Lightning strikes had caused some house fires, winds downed tree limbs and damaged some homes.

Some of the hams sending in observations in their area were:

- Ken KD5YWB, Terry N5QWA, Glen KF5FNP of the Carencro area.
- Herman KN5GRK in North Lafayette.
- Ed WA5TNK, Grant KF5CNU, John W4JHC mid Lafayette.
- Gary K5EOD in the Scott area.
- George AK2Q down in Abbeville.
- Arnold KE5JXC in the Kaplan area.
- Dino KD5JZN/P of the St. Martinville area.

After the WX event subsided, the net officially shut down at 2146 hours.

Ed Roy reported that the Lake Charles Weather Service sent out "THANKS" & "Job Well Done" to all the volunteers that helped during this net. That's what it is all about!



AUGUST 2011 ACADIANA AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS

NET	SESSIONS:	TOTAL CHECK-INS:	TOTAL TRAFFIC:	TOTAL TIME: Minutes	Net Manager
OAARC Net - Opelousas Area Amateur Radio Club	4	31	0	55	N5LRZ Ray
AARA Monday Night Net	5	57	0	103	KF5ENE Mark
Acadiana ARES Net	3	14	2	35	N5LRZ Ray
HEAL Net *(M=Medical G=Guest)	2	* M - 3 / G -4	0	16	KE5JKD Larry

If all the cars in the United States were placed end to end, it would probably be Labor Day Weekend.

~Doug Larson

Local Ham Receives Honors

Scott, LA Police Sgt. Gary Nezat K5EOD received the "Officer of the Year" award for his dedicated service. Sgt. Nezat started his career with the Scott Police Department in 1988. In 1996, Nezat enlisted in the Louisiana National Guard and received a Purple Heart after he was injured while serving in Iraq in 2004. Nezat was injured while patrolling when shrapnel flew from a detonated parked car.



Nezat is credited with saving a man's life in March, 2010. "It was confirmed by emergency room personnel that the driver would not have survived the accident if Sgt. Nezat would not have responded the way that he did," Leger said. On March 10, 2010, Nezat responded to an accident between a motorcycle and van. The driver's leg had been amputated below the knee. "Due to his military and law enforcement training, Sgt. Nezat started 1st Aid and used his personal tourniquet that he was carrying to try and stop the bleeding.

In July of this year, Sgt. Gary Nezat received the Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police "Officer of the Year" award for saving the life of the motorcycle driver. He has also received the "Officer of the Year" award from the Lafayette Optimist Club, St. Edmonds Knights of Columbus, Scott Business Association as well as the "Life Saver" award from the Scott Police Department and the City of Scott. Sgt. Nezat is a great credit to his profession, the Scott Police Department and the citizens of Scott.

Gary also participates in some of our local SkyWarn and ARES nets when weather conditions and emergencies arise. He is a real asset to our community.

August VE Test Session Results

The August 2011 VE Test results are as follows:

Jess G Gillion KF5LUL of Lafayette, LA upgraded to General

Ricky Fruge of Jennings, LA received Technician license KF5MHJ

Bradley G Frizell of Lafayette, LA received Technician license KF5MHK

VE's were:

Danny Griffith K5ARH

Rick Breau N5RLM

Greg Dolan K5LFT

John Cuniff W4JHC

VE testing takes place at 6:00 PM prior to the AARA General Meeting which takes place at 7:00 PM on the first Thursday of each month.

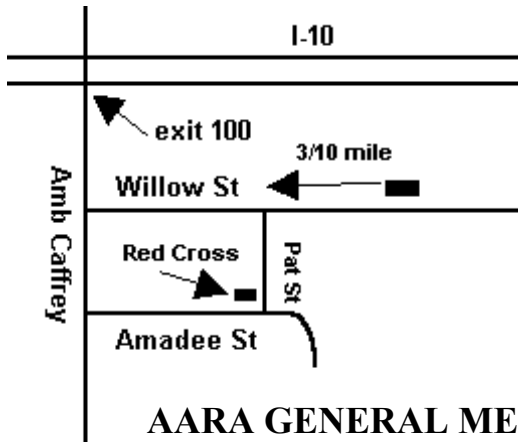


AARA August General Meeting—September 1, 2011 @ 7:00 PM

Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat Street, Scott, LA. VE Testing will be at 6:00 PM.

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Share the Fun - Bring a
Friend to be a HAM !

AARA GENERAL MEETING
Thursday, September 1st, 2011 - 7:00 PM
VE Testing @ 6:00 PM
Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA
Lunch Bunch
Golden Corral - Amb. Caffery - Lafayette, LA
Check 146.820 - repeater for info.

COMPLIMENTARY
ISSUE

Spambalaya Jambalaya

Ken and Deborah Purvis

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| 1(12oz) Can Spam cubed | 1/2 tsp Dried leaf thyme |
| 1 cup Chopped onion | 6 -8 drops Hot pepper sauce |
| 2/3 cup Chopped green bell pepper | 2 Bay Leaves |
| 2 cloves Minced garlic | 1 cup Rice |
| 1(14 oz) Can tomatoes (stewed or cajun style) | 2 Tbsp Chopped parsley |
| 1(11 oz) Chicken broth | |

In large skillet or 3 quart pan, saute spam, onion, green pepper, celery, and garlic until vegetables are tender. Add tomatoes, chicken broth, thyme, hot sauce, and bay leaves. Bring to a boil, stir in rice, cover. Reduce heat and simmer 20 minutes or until rice is tender. Discard bay leaves. Sprinkle with parsley. Serves 6.

This is one of our family favorites. It's very quick and easy and tastes great. Don't knock until you try it!



Send your favorite recipes to:
Galen KF5BET
galenw@cox.net

FCC Information Service

Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/vanity call signs: 888-225-5322. This will connect you to the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:
ulscomm@fcc.gov.

FCC Website:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New call sign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

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